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REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-29 and 48 are currently pending. As a result of the above amendment, Claims 1, 15, 23 and 48 have been amended. Therefore, Claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-29 and 48 remain at issue in this Application.

Examiner Interview

On February 2, 2006, Applicants' counsel and Examiners Derek Boles and Ehud Gartenberg conducted a telephone interview regarding the present Application. During the interview, the parties discussed the pending independent claims, proposed amendments, allowable subject matter and U.S. Patent No. 5,564,980 to Becker.

Allowable Subject Matter & Amended Claims

The claimed amendments herein are consistent with the discussions during the Examiner Interview and follow the second Notice of Allowability (mailed November 23, 2005). The amendments are supported by Applicants' disclosure and do not introduce new matter.

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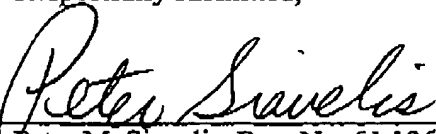
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-29 and 48 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request early notice of the same. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this Reply, or if it will expedite the progress of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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